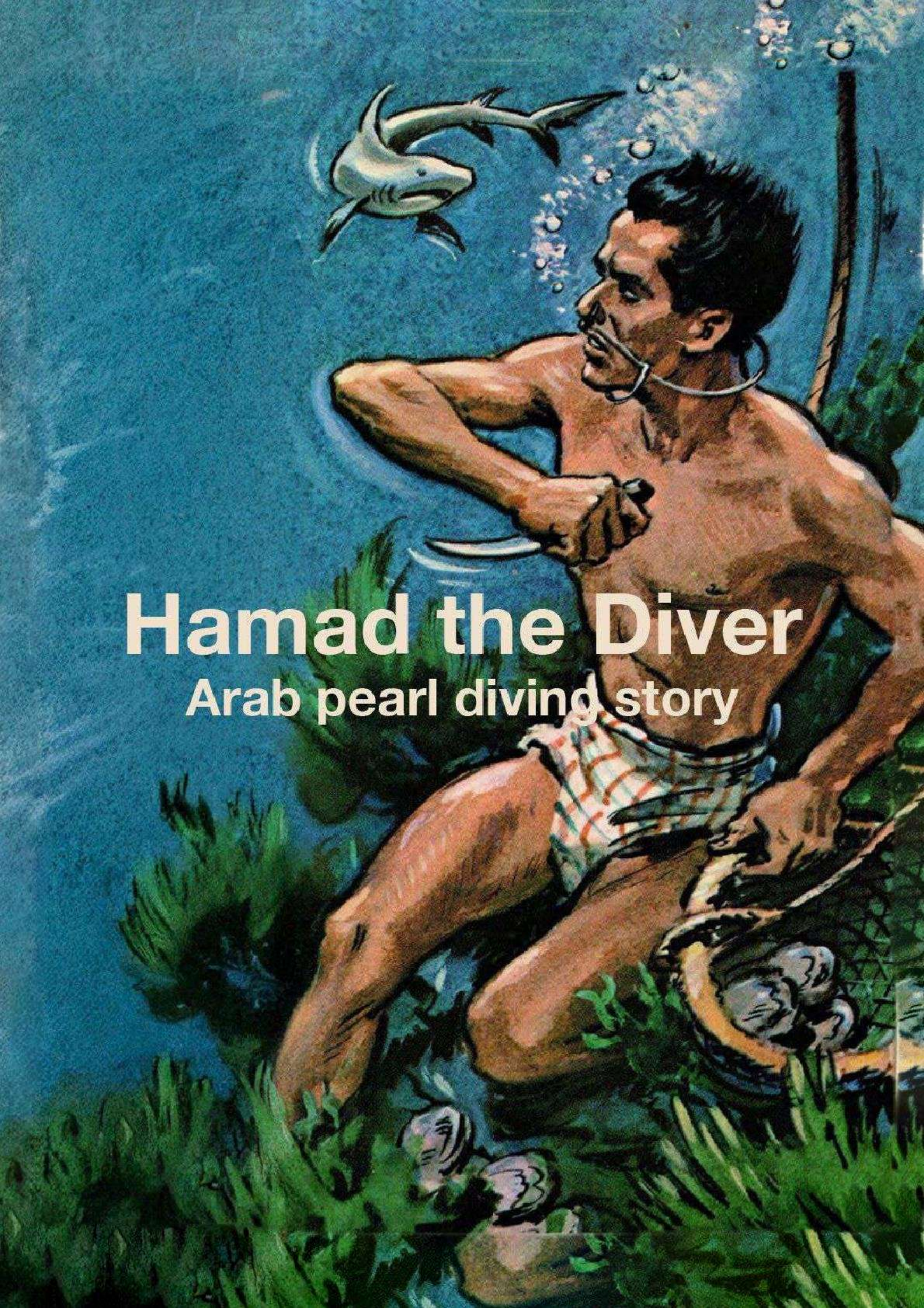
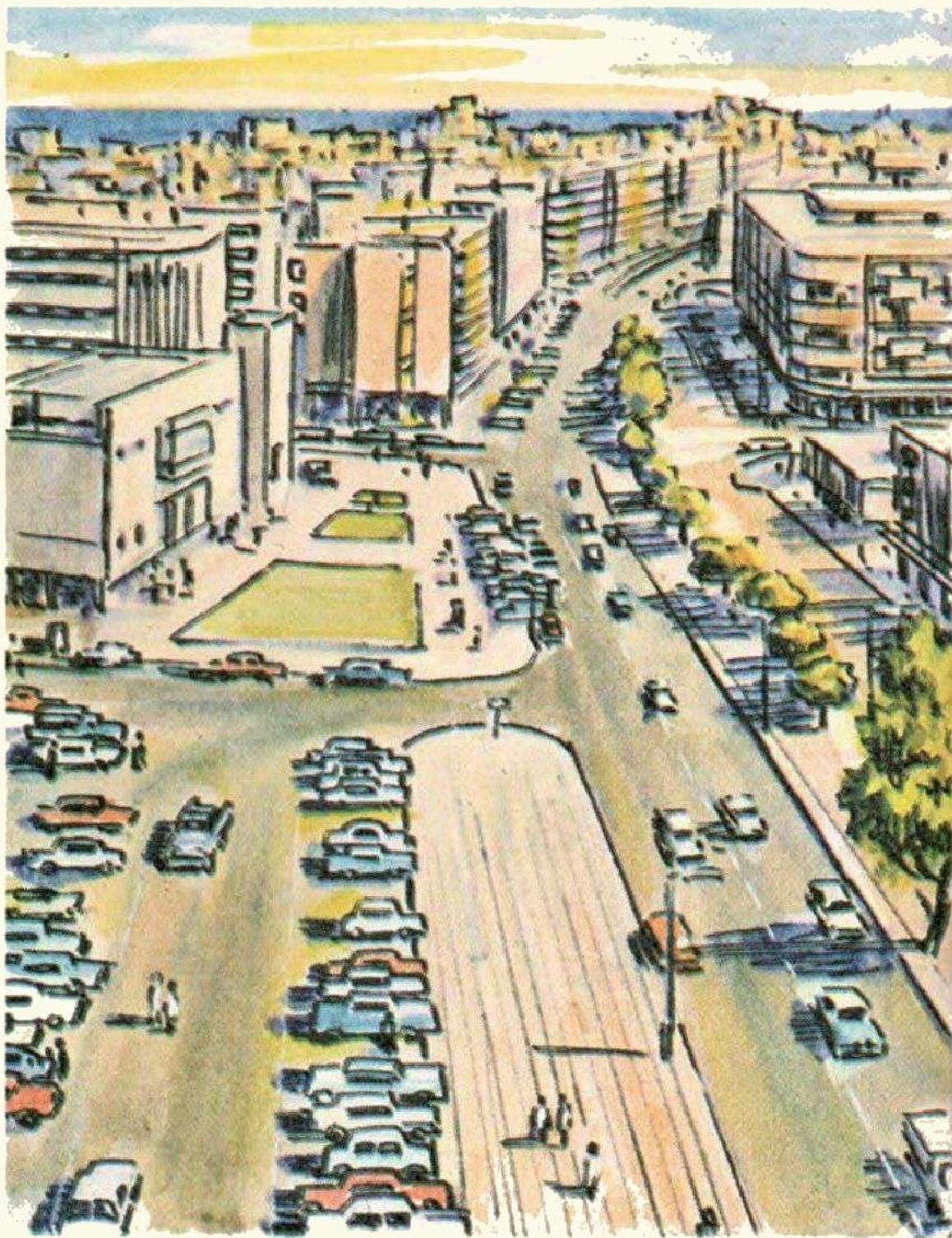


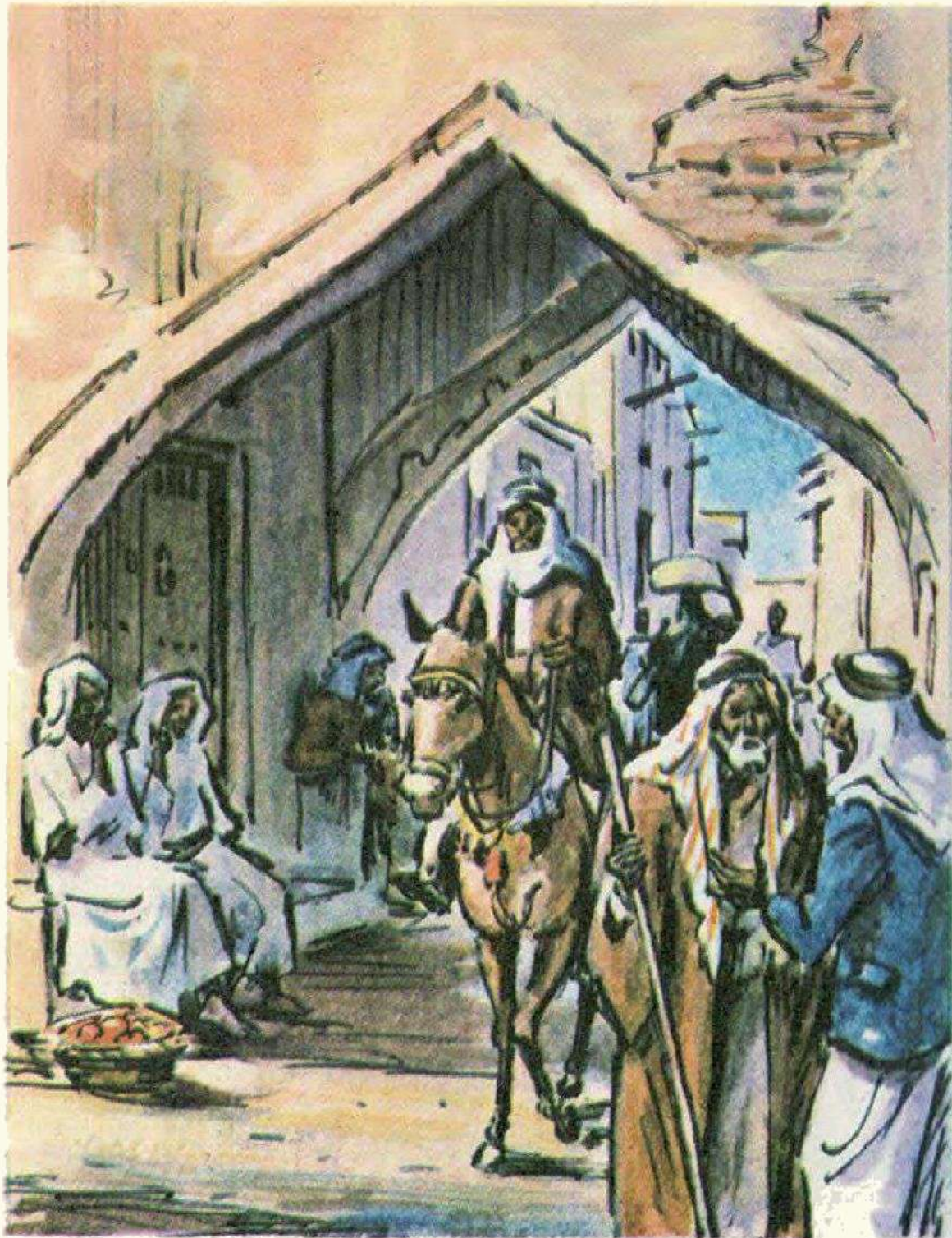
An illustration of a man, Hamad, diving underwater. He is shirtless, muscular, and has a mustache. He is wearing a plaid loincloth and a metal ring in his left ear. He is holding a curved knife in his right hand. A shark is swimming above him, and bubbles are rising from his mouth. The background is a deep blue sea with green seaweed at the bottom.

Hamad the Diver

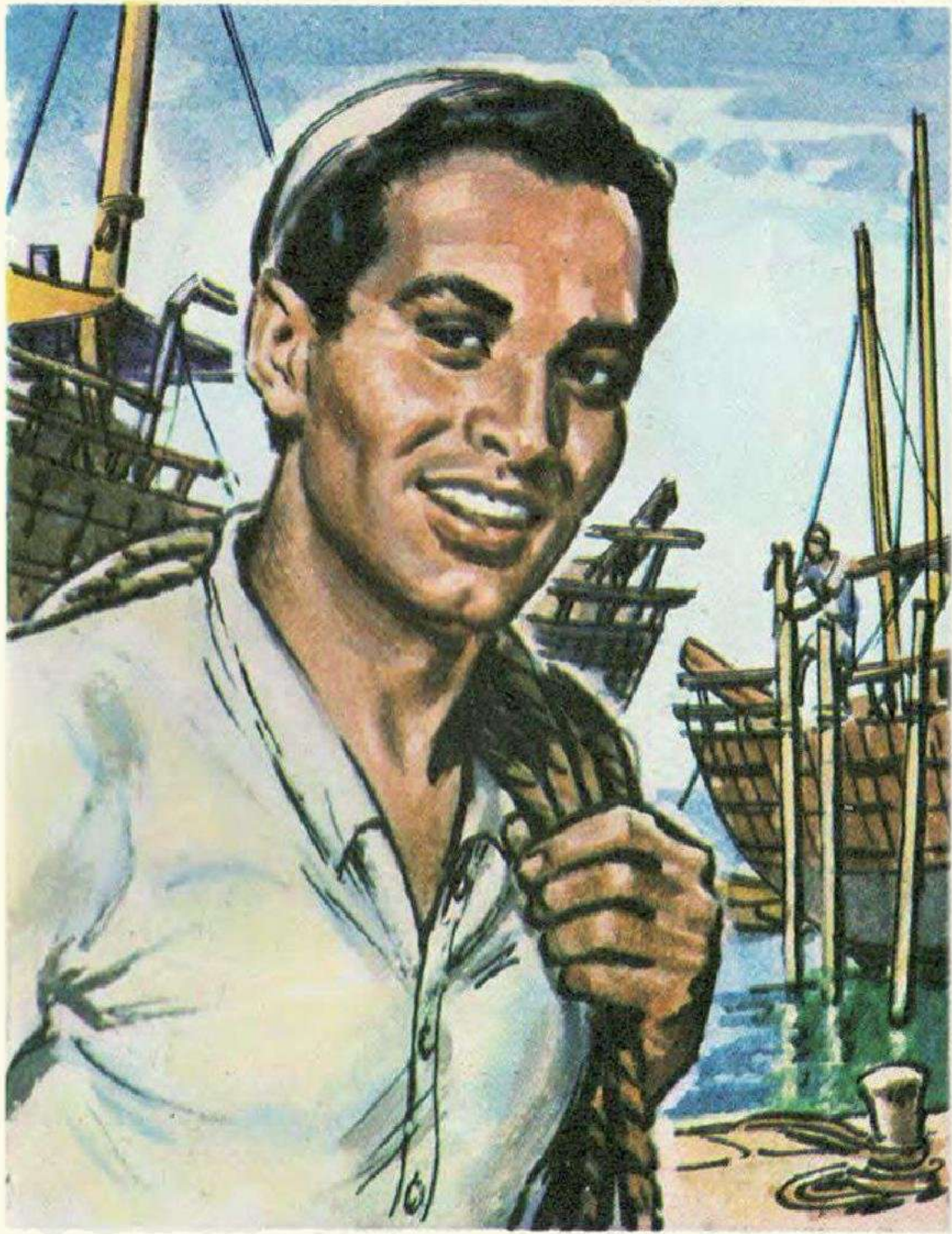
Arab pearl diving story



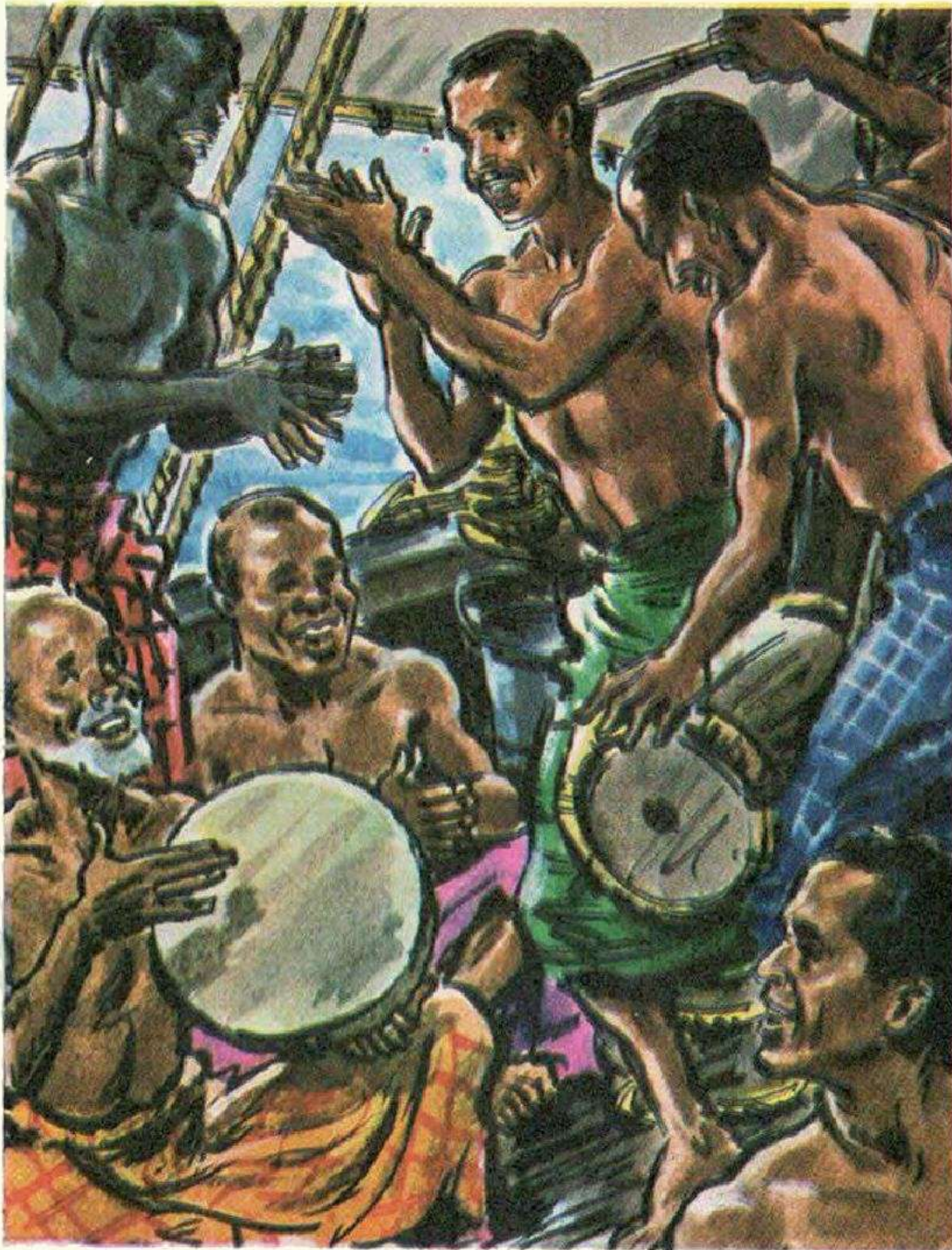
Kuwait is not a very big country.
It has one city. It is Kuwait City.
Kuwait City is big. It is not old now.
It is modern. This is a picture of
modern Kuwait.



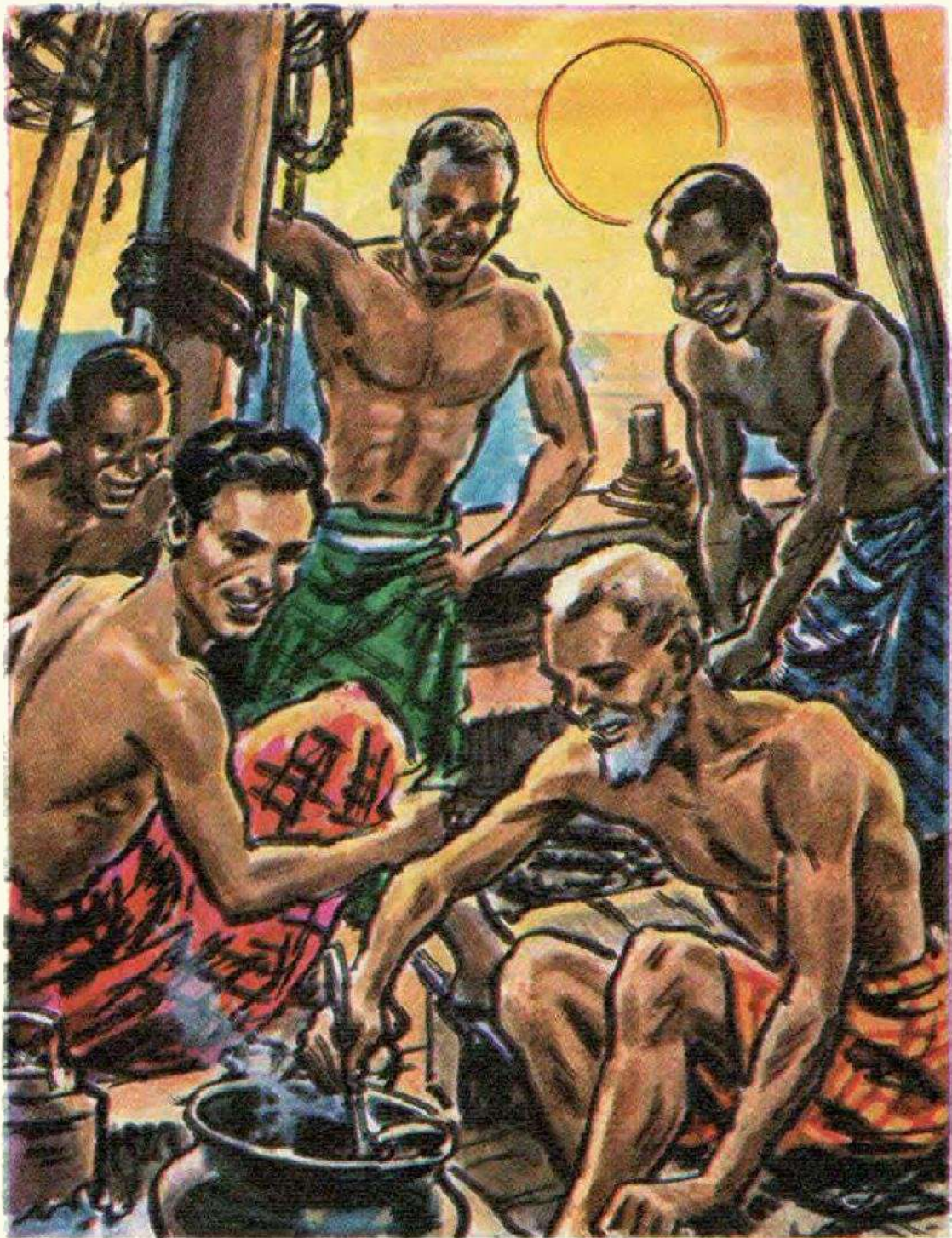
This is a picture of old Kuwait. Its people were not very rich. Many of them were poor. The houses were small. The streets were dark.



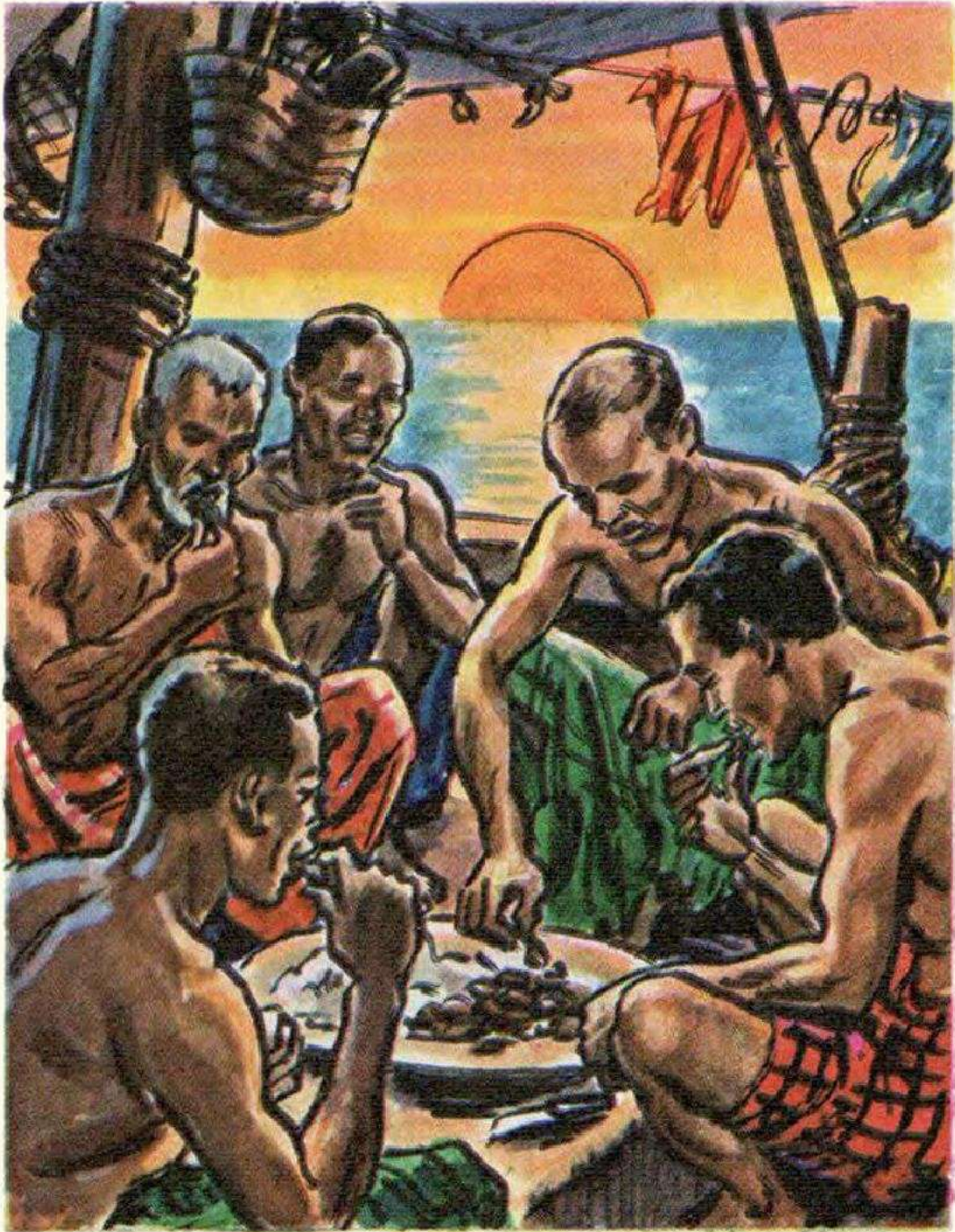
This is a story from old Kuwait.
Hamad is an Arab. He lives in
Kuwait. He is a seaman. A seaman
works on the sea. Hamad works on
the sea.



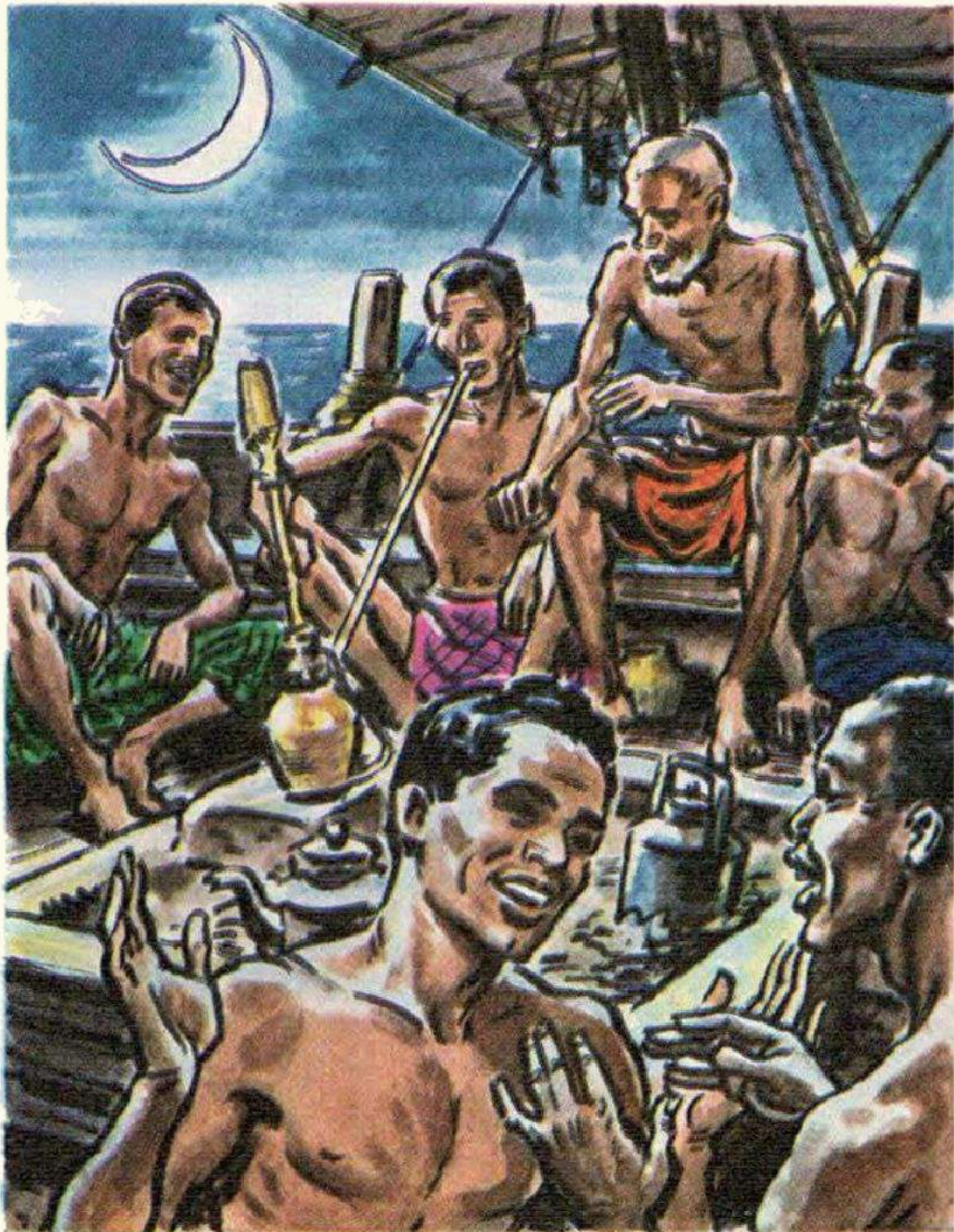
Every year Hamad goes out on a ship. Now the ship is in the middle of the sea. There are other men with Hamad. They are seamen, too. They are dancing and singing songs. They are happy.



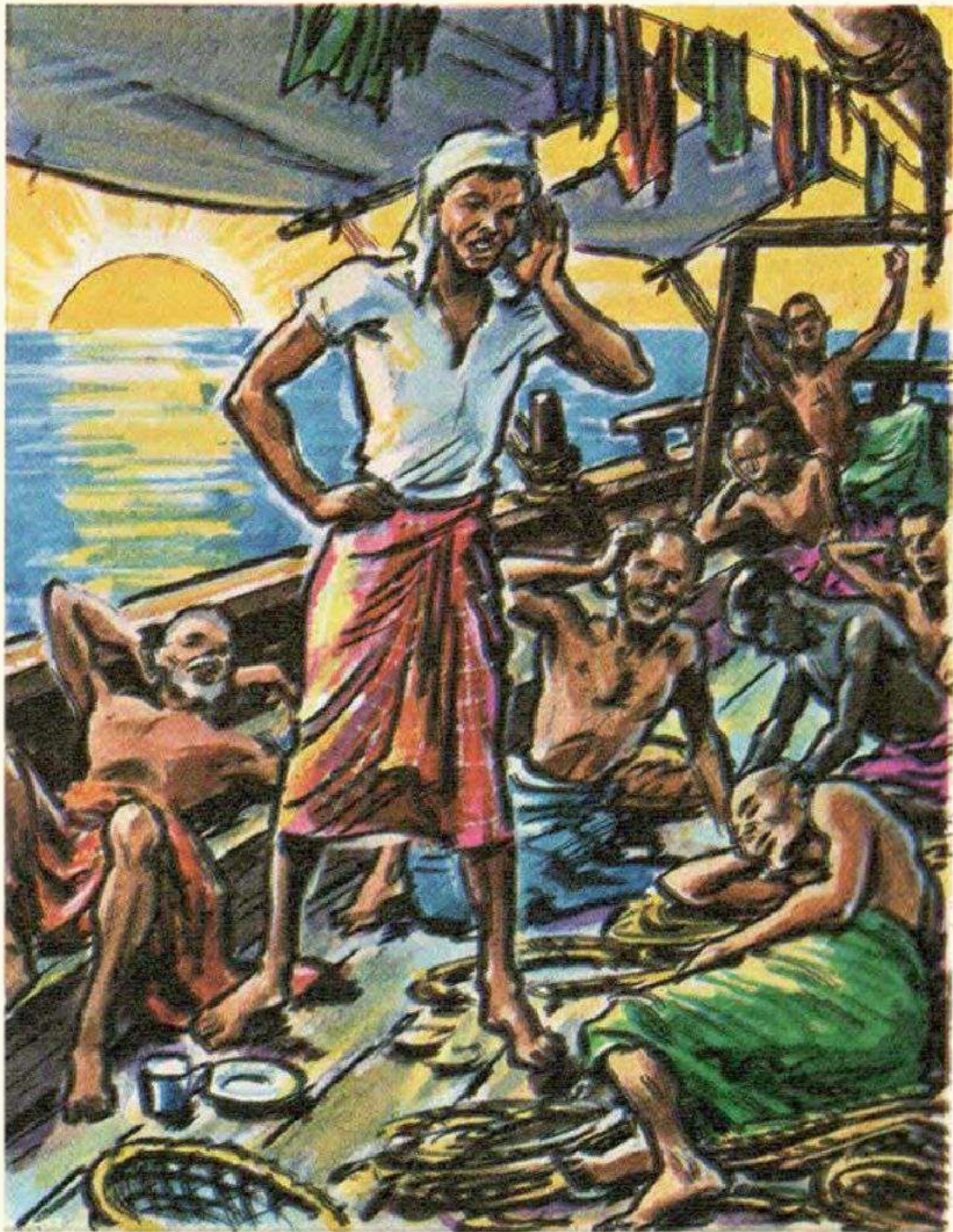
Now it is evening. The sun is going down into the sea. The men are cooking their food. They are hungry. The sea-air is cool and good. It makes the men hungry.



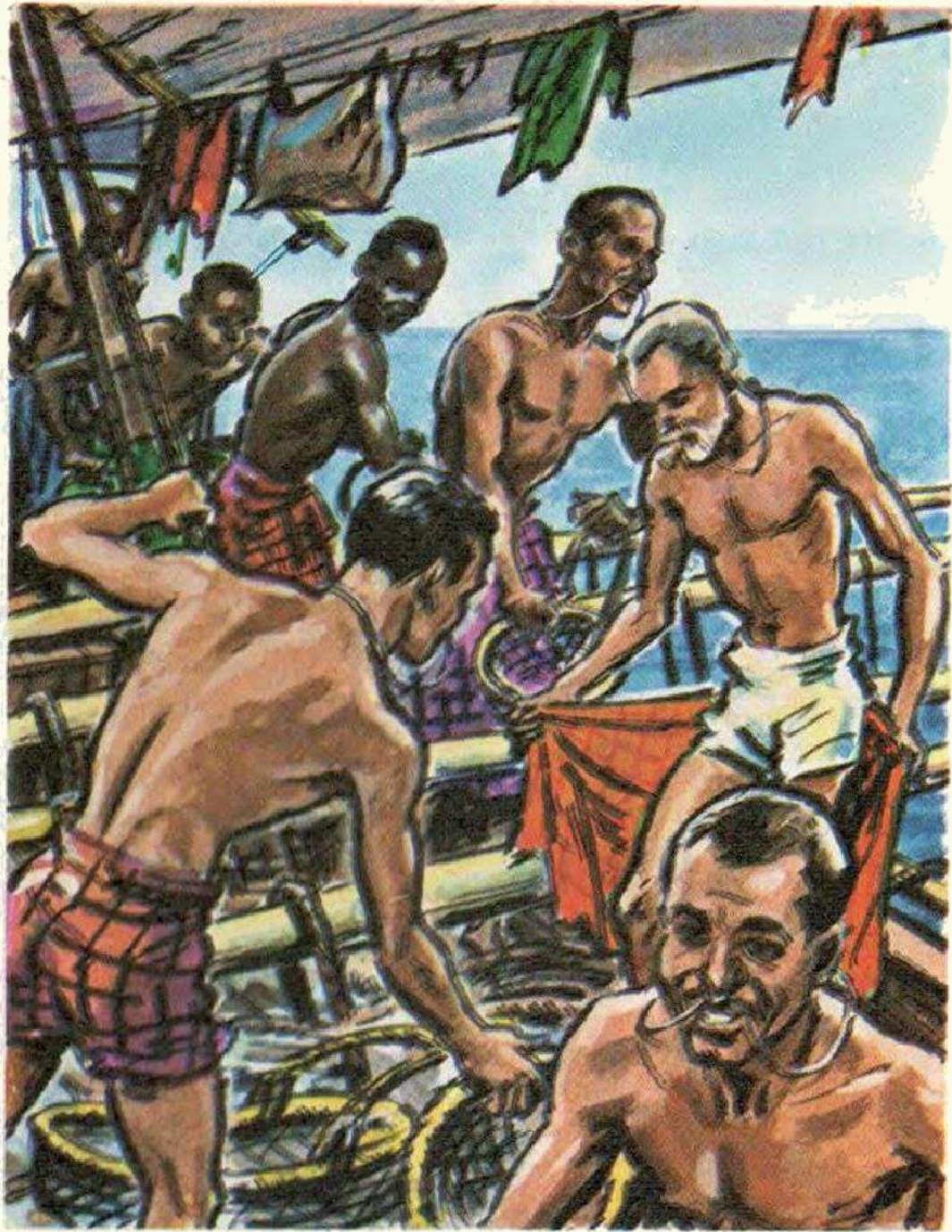
The food is ready now. They have put it on a large plate. The men are ready to eat it. Now they are sitting round it and eating. The air is cool. The men are hungry. They eat a lot.



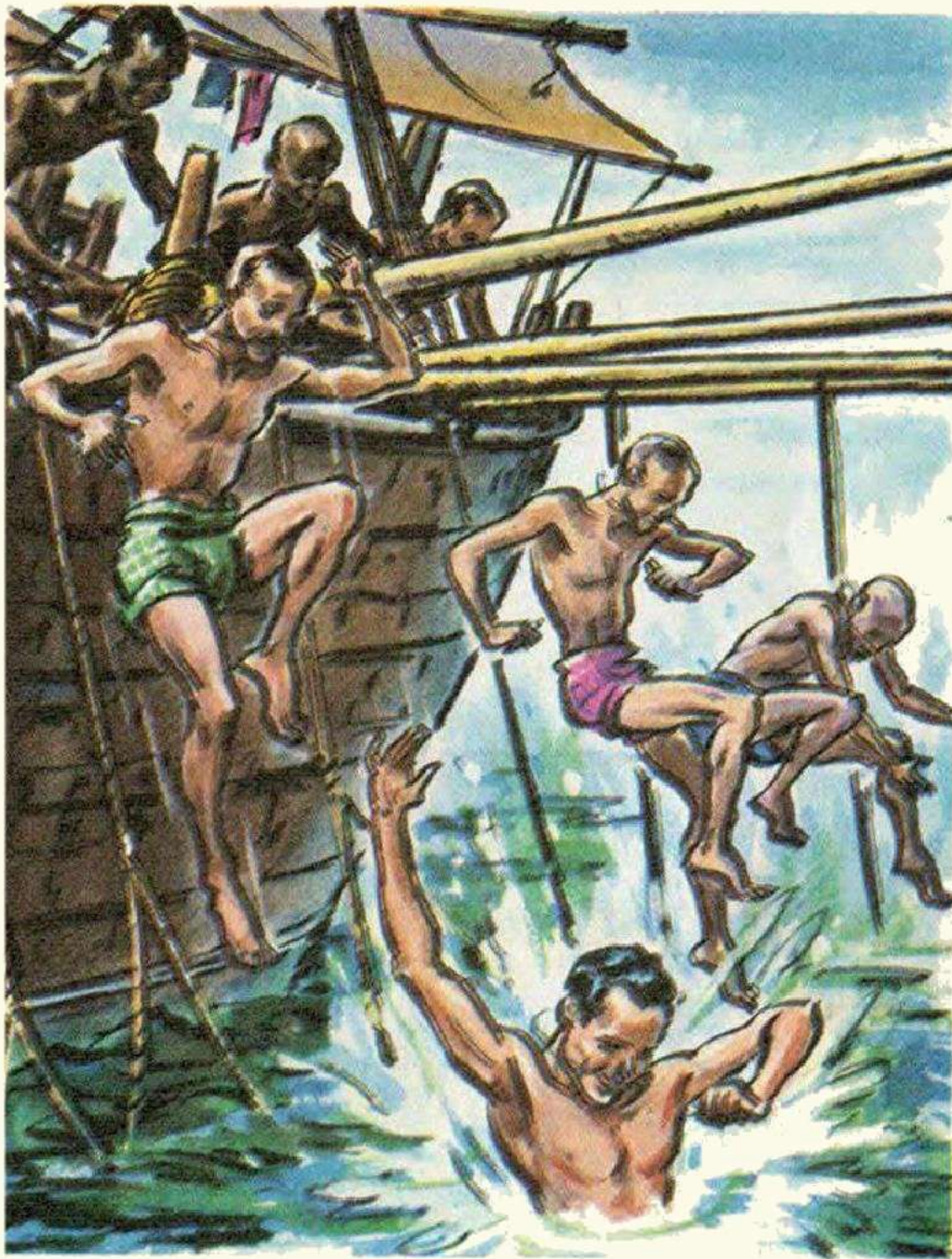
Now it is night. The moon is rising in the sky. There are a lot of stars in the sky. The men are sitting together. Some of them are singing songs. Others are telling stories. Soon they will go to bed.



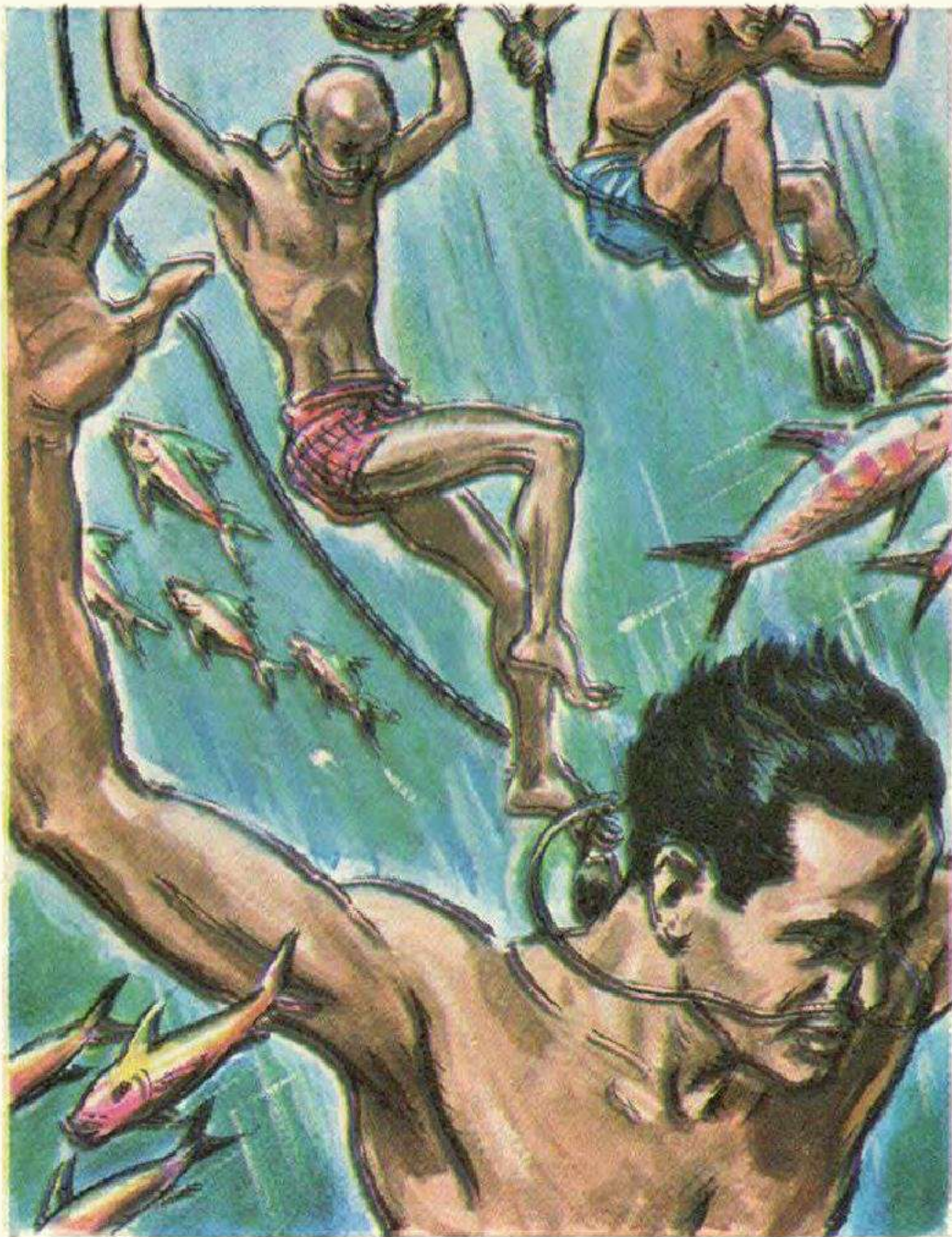
It is early morning now. The sun is just rising. Captain Jasem stops the ship. Jasem is the head of the ship. He is the captain. He is saying to the men, "Get up. You must work now."



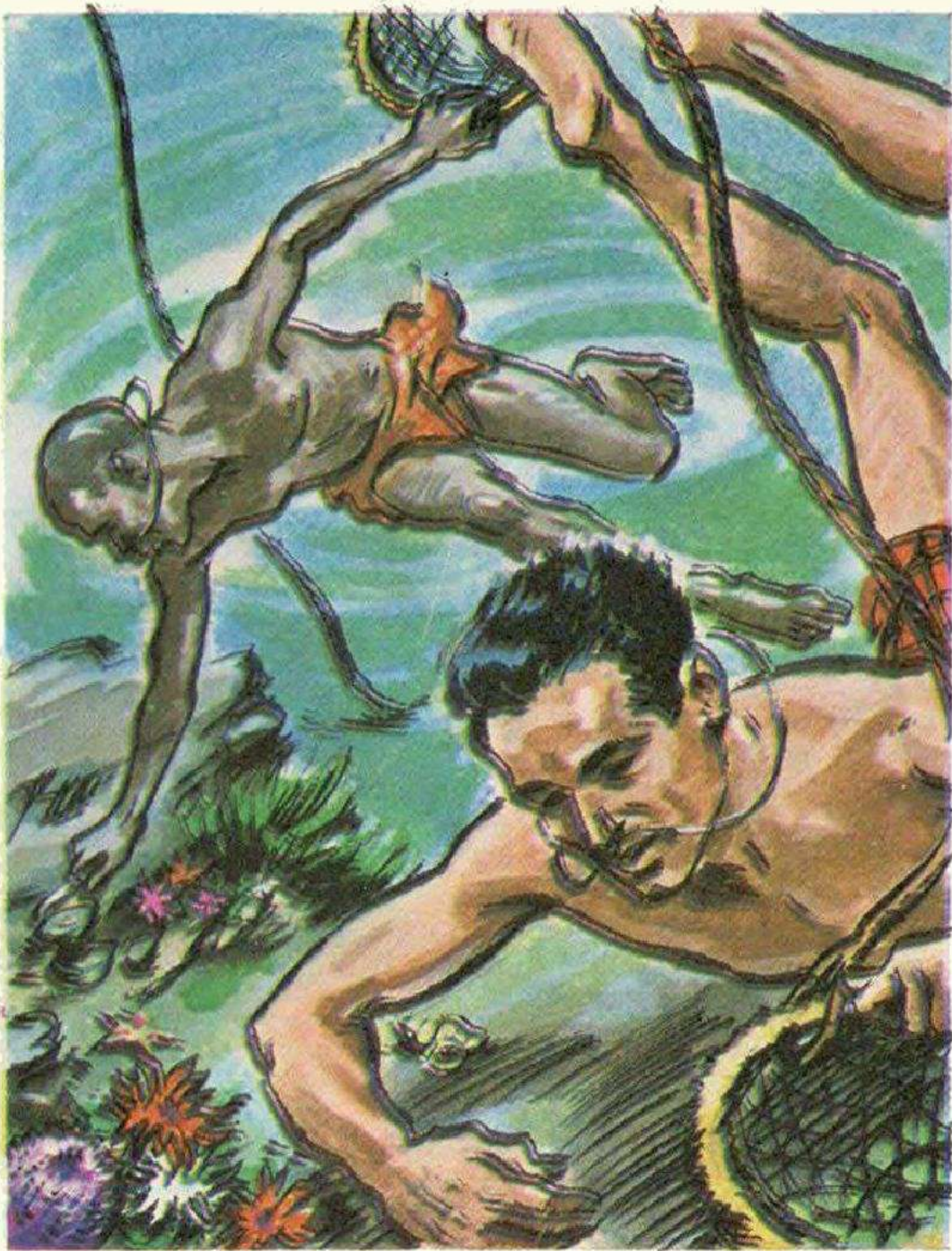
The men get up, but they do not eat anything. Now Hamad and the other men are taking off their clothes. Every man has shut his nose with a piece of wood (Futam). Now they are ready. Every man is holding a rope and carrying a basket.



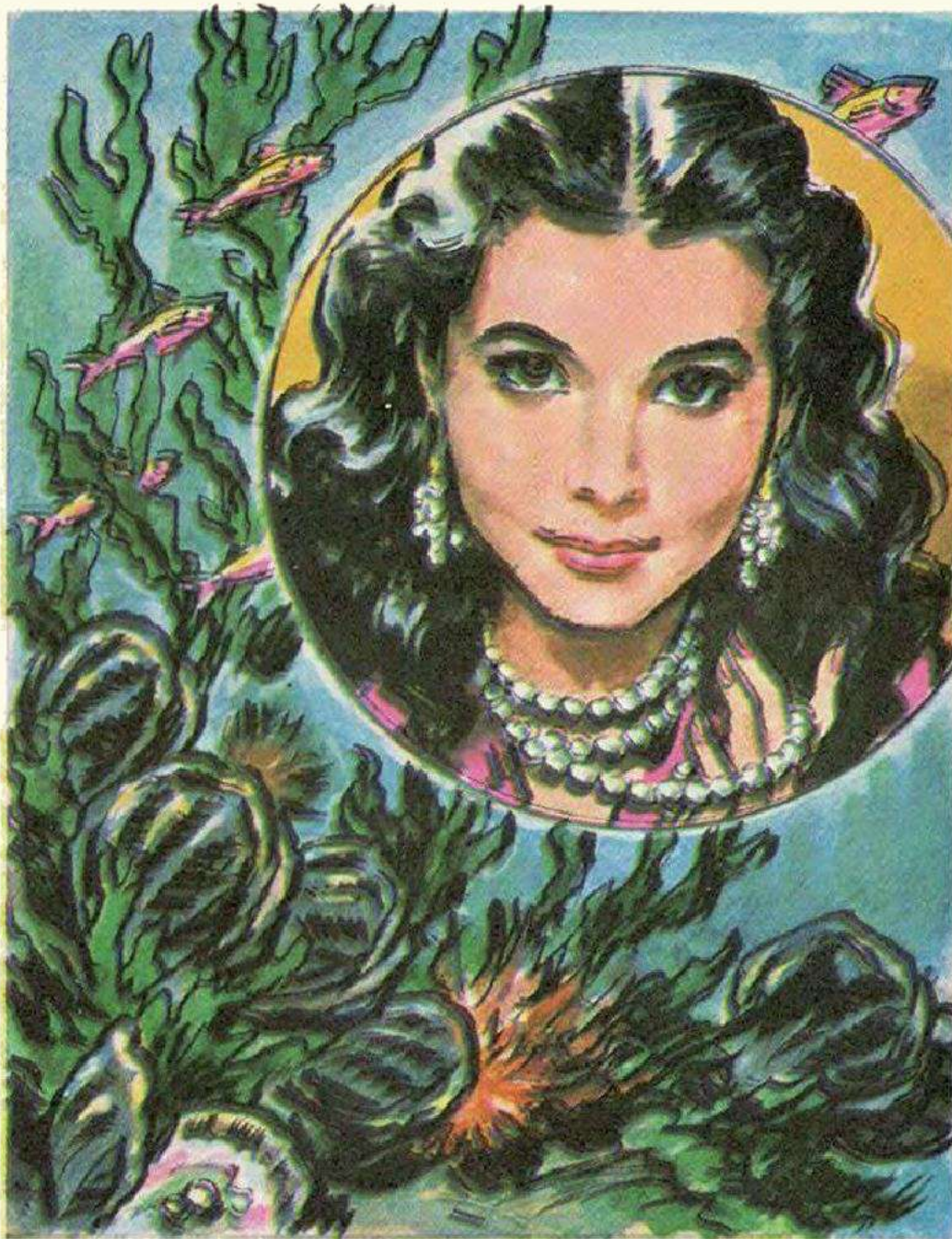
"Jump," says the captain. "Dive into the water." Now they are jumping into the water. They are diving. They are divers. Hamad is a diver. He is holding a rope in his hand. The other end of the rope is tied to the ship.



Now they are all in the water. They are taking the baskets, under the sea. They are going down, down, down. They see a lot of fish round them. Some fish are small. Others are big. Some are beautiful. Others are not. They all swim away from the divers.



Now Hamad is at the bottom of the sea. Other men are there too. They are looking for something. There are many things at the bottom of the sea. Hamad can see many beautiful things there.



You can see many shells in this picture. Some shells have small fish in them. Others have no fish. They have pearls. Pearls are beautiful. Women like them very much.

Hamad and the men are looking for shells. They will find pearls in some of them.